(b) and (c) 59 doubling works are in progress as per details given in the 'Pink Book' of Railway Budget 1987-88.

Non-completion of Railway Lines due to shortage of Funds

*170. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several new railway lines in the country are pending completion due to constraint of funds;

(b) what steps Railways propose to take to tackle the situation; and

(c) by when Marathwada region of Maharashtra is likely to be brought on the rail map of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission has been requested to increase allotment of funds for New Lines.

(c) Marathwada region is already served by a number of rail lines.

Working Group on shipping

*171. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a working group on shipping headed by the Chairman of the Shipping Corporation of India and, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the above group has formulated/submitted any report and, if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the group and Government's reaction to each of the major recommendations, particularly with respect to foreign investment and privatisation in the Indian shipping industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) For preparing a long term perspective plan for Transport Sector in the time frame of 2000 AD and with a view to evolve a well integrated multi-modal transport system, Planning Commission has set up a Steering Committee comprising of well known experts in the field. This Steering Committee in the turn has set up several specialised groups including the Planning Group on shipping headed by Chairman & Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India. The Group has *inter-alia* projected the requirement of Indian shipping tonnage in 2000 AD based on changing patterns of national trade and shipping technology and has suggested certain measures, including cargo support, to help the shipping industry. The report of this Group is to be an input for the work of the Steering Committee in the Planning Commission.

Criteria for selection of Doctors for the ICMR Training Programme

*172. SHRI B. L. PANWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the criteria and the method of selection of doctors for various ICMR training programmes;

(b) what is the mode of utilising the higher training acquired by such doctors; and

(c) whether service doctors are encouraged to take part in these training programmes, if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c) The Institutes/Centres of the ICMR located in different parts of India are conducting various training programmes. Some of these are regular degree and diploma courses (which are annual or biannual) and others are short courses.

For regular courses, selection criteria have been laid down and duly constituted Selection Committees screen the applications which are invited through advertisements in the Newsletters of the Institute/Newspaper/ICMR Bulletin, and also circulars sent to Medical Colleges/Institutes and State Governments

For other courses, the participants are selected by Selection Committee constituted by the Director.

In the regular courses, an attempt is made to have a balanced geographical representation, subject to the fulfillment of the selection criteria and also subject to the availability of seats. In case of medical personnel, inservice doctors and those whose degrees are recognized by the Medical Council of India are preferred.

The impact of each course is evaluated by means of feed back obtained through a questionnaire.

Since the trainees are in the employment of State Governments/other Institutes, they utilize their training in the performance of their duties.

Legislation to Check Aids

*173. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to check AIDS in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Before enactment of a legislation to prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, several complex issues involving Central Government, State Governments and local bodies have to be resolved. The issues to be considered are organisational, administrative, legal, financial, social and ethical implications of legislation. Consultations have been started to examine the feasibility of screening persons belonging to the high risk category within the framework of existing laws and enactment of a separate legislation.

Programmes for eradication of illiteracy

*174. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked Rs. 550 crore to implement an ambitious programme to wipe out illiteracy by 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Central Government have formulated a comprehensive programme known as "National Literacy Mission" to impart functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15–35 age-group—30 million by 1990 and addition 50 million by 1995. The financial requirements of Rs. 550 crores have been estimated for the current and remaining two years of the 7th Plan, i.e. 1987–1990. An allocation of Rs. 75.50 crores has been made in the Plan budget for 1987-88. The allocations to be made for the next two years are yet to be decided The requirement of funds for the implementation of NLM during Eight Five Year Plan are also yet to be worked out.

(b) The strategies proposed to be adopted for implementation of NLM include the following :—

(i) Motivation centred programmes will be designed, with special care in regard to their form and content inputs. The programmes will be linked with skill development and economic activities, health related issues, recreational and cultural activities Attractive learning/teaching material will be provided Dedicated and well trained instructive will be deployed. Improved learning atmosphere and good arrangements for continuing education will be ensured.

(ii) Systematic efforts will be made to secure people's participation through media and communication, creation of local level participatory structures, taking out of Jatthas, training of cadres of youth etc.

(iii) Involvement of Voluntary agencies for spread of the programme, for training and technical resource development, experimentation and innovation etc will be significantly increased Diverse methods will be employed for identification of suitable agencies and procedures of financial assistance will be sreamlined.